

VICTORIA'S PROSPERITY ASSURED

Terminus of the Canadian Northern

Most Important Announcement Made Since Inception of C. P. R.

C. P. R.'s Great Rival Will Build Competing Line to Victoria.

THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED

Negotiations With Canadian Northern Crowned With Success.

The Hon. W. C. Wells received yesterday from Toronto from J. N. Greenshields, K. C., the following important telegram:

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FIGHT WITH SWORDS.

Two Hungarian Deputies Seek Satisfaction on the Field of Honor.

Buda Pesth, March 3.—Count Stefan Tisza and M. Padosky, both members of the house of representatives, fought a duel with swords today. Padosky was somewhat severely wounded in the arm. The duel was the outcome of an exchange of vituperation in the diet. The combatants refused to be reconciled after the fight.

Condensed Dispatches

ON THE WAY HERE.

The Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works received a telegram from Mr. J. N. Greenshields, K. C., this morning, dated at Sudbury, Ontario, to the effect that he was on his way to Victoria with the signed contract for the Canadian Northern Railway. Mr. Greenshields may, therefore, be expected in Victoria on Friday night.

The principal topic of interest and the most widely discussed subject on the streets today has, of course, been the Canadian Northern contract. The effect on the supporters of the opposition, who have been deluged by their hearers with the belief that no such document could or would be signed, and that the government was powerless either to promulgate or carry into effect a successful railway policy, has been most disastrous, and a gloomy and anxious silence has been the principal feature in the Bodwell days today. A few of the more case-hardened opponents of Col. Prior have not hesitated to charge that gentleman and his supporters with an attempt to deceive the electorate, and the result of the signing of the contract has been the natural effect of drawing a large number from their ranks in disgust. Some excuse may be found for Mr. Bodwell's disgruntled followers, for it is no doubt irritating to them to see themselves condemned to wait in sullen silence for the verdict of a committee, the people of Victoria will pronounce of them on the 10th.

ACCUSED OF THEFT.

Cubans Arrested for Stealing \$50,000 Worth of Diamonds.

Chicago, March 3.—Raymond Panches, alias Loubet, a Cuban anarchist, was arrested here today by the police. He is charged with the theft of \$50,000 worth of diamonds and \$500 in gold. The robbery was committed on January 24th, the victim being Mrs. E. O. Darling, of San Francisco.

TWO NEW TRUSTS.

Glucose and Wax Paper to Be Controlled by Big Companies.

New York, March 3.—Permanent organization of the \$80,000,000 corn products known as the Glucose Trust Combination, has been effected. It is believed the former competitive policy will be done away with and the probability is that the trade will be placed on a firm basis. The underlying money amounting to \$4,500,000, which was paid in, will be devoted in part to the purchase of some of the smaller plants, which are not to have their stock exchanged for the stock of the larger company. The working capital of the new company at the outset will be in excess of \$5,000,000.

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Attack on a Convoy

An Overwhelming Force of Boers Play Havoc with Anderson's Column.

The British Loss Numbers 632 Killed, Wounded and Missing.

London, March 3.—In a dispatch from Pretoria dated today, Lord Kitchener sends details of the disaster to the escort of the convoy of empty wagons at Vondoy, southeast of Klerksdorf, Transvaal Colony. The British casualties, killed, wounded and men made prisoners, reached the total of 632. In addition the Boers captured two guns.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, who commanded the British force, and who has returned to Klerksdorf, Cape Colony, with nine officers and 245 men, reports that when his advance guard was within ten miles of Klerksdorf, during the morning of February 25 the Boers opened a heavy rifle fire on the troops from the scrub. The burghers were driven off and the convoy continued its march when a more determined attack was made on the convoy's left flank, the Boers getting within a hundred yards and stampeding the mules harnessed to the number of wagons. The attackers were driven off.

At about 6:30 in the morning the rear guard was attacked by a strong force of Boers and simultaneously another body of Boers charged and overpowered the separate Boer units. The fighting lasted for two hours, during which the two British guns and a pom-pom almost exhausted their ammunition. A detachment of 200 infantry from Klerksdorf attempted to reinforce the British but were held in check by the Boers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson adds that the strength of the Boers was estimated from 1,200 to 2,000. Commandants Delany, Kemps, Collins, Lemes, Wolmar, and Potgieter were all present. Commandant Lemes is said to have been killed.

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The Royal progress in Devonshire will be a great event next week and will follow the council at St. James Palace. The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall got well into training and are full of engagements for public functions and country house parties. The improvement in the weather encourages the hope that there will be peace in that part of the Empire on Coronation day.

THE SUGAR CONFERENCE.

Prospects of Relief for West Indies Greatly Increased.

London, March 3.—The sugar conference at Brussels offers a striking illustration of the truth that commercial interest is the longest lever for moving the modern world. The bounties which have developed the sugar industry to an enormous magnitude and exposed the cane countries to destructive competition, have been undermined by the general commercial interests of the world. The United States has led the way in antagonizing it by imposing discriminating duties against the cane sugars, and incidentally has come to the rescue of the British West Indies when the Imperial government would do nothing to raise the price of cheap molasses. The Indian government followed the example of the United States in levying similar duties, and the colonies and the governments are under discussion at today's session. The sugar producers of various countries, supported by mercantile rings, have offered strenuous resistance, but there is now a bright prospect of the discontinuance of the bounty system in consequence of the economy and commercial disturbance created by it. The British menace of counter-vailing duties has been a strong force held in reserve, and it is true it is that the Anglo-Japanese alliance implies a guardianship of the open door principle for the common interests of the world's commerce.

EMBASSY TO ROME.

King Edward Sends Congratulations to Pope Leo XIII.

London, March 3.—The King's embassy in sending Earl Denbigh to Rome with congratulations to the Pope does not excite criticism, especially as it follows the precedent of the visit of the Duke of Devonshire to the Pope in 1887. The Earl really leads a special embassy and carries a cordial letter from the King to the Pope. Cardinal Tiesi's overture for the intercommunion of Anglican and Non-Communion churches has raised a slight flurry in the ordinary administration of state, and every culture of churchmanship and intellectual force have already fired into the air, and apparently nobody is the worse for it.

HE CAPTURED the President

Daring Feat of a Filipino Leader and a Handful of Brave Men.

Manila, March 2.—While Governor Flores, of the province of Rival, was chasing Felisardo and his hand over the hills of Cavite, Felisardo with only 25 men, armed with rifles, entered the town of Cavite, in Moron province, and captured the president, Senor Ampila, and a majority of the police of the town. Senor Ampila has long been known as an enthusiastic sympathizer and it is feared he may be killed. A strong force of constabulary has been sent to his aid.

The correspondence captured with General Lukhan, in the island of Samar, is of the greatest value. It implicates several Philipinos who have not hitherto been suspected of complicity

Important Amendment

Proposal to Introduce the "One Ward" System in Municipalities.

Many Prominent Councillors Favor the Mooted Amendment.

Among the amendments that have been discussed by some of the members of the Legislative Assembly, as being likely to be introduced at the present session, is one which will affect the Municipal Act. Its object is to extend what is known as the "one ward" system to elections in the rural municipalities of the province wherever the people might be desirous of adopting it. For some time past this matter has been one of the questions much discussed in the city of Vancouver, while in New Westminster it has been for some years in operation and it is said that it has there worked out very satisfactorily. Indeed, it provides for the election of the whole of the electorate of the corporation for each member of the council just as at the present time they all enjoy the right of deciding who shall be mayor or reeve. Of the representatives of these counties districts who have lately been attending the meetings of the Central Farmers' Institute several have been strongly advocating such a change. Among them Messrs. L. S. Paisley and J. B. Cade, the reeves of Chilliwack and Dewdney, respectively, are reported to be strongly in favor of the amendment. They urge that the change would greatly advance the interests of the municipalities by breaking up the small cliques and family factions now so dominant in municipal affairs, that it would knit the various sections into a more homogeneous whole and lead to the return at the polls of men who had the interests of the municipality at heart rather than simply the good of some small fraction thereof.

Funeral of Hon. J. P. Booth

Last Tribute of Respect to an Honored Pioneer and Public Man.

The words "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ" seemed very expressive on Saturday afternoon, when the lord bishop of the diocese, Bishop Perrin, read the simple burial service of the Church of England at the graveside of the late John Paul Booth, from a rift in the pines, lighting up the impressive scene in the little plot of hillside set aside as God's Acre in the central settlement of Salt Spring Island. Around the open grave were gathered the few relatives whom the deceased had left in this province, most of whom were nephews or nieces, together with a large number of friends and neighbors, his fellow-settlers on the island, the worthy citizens whom he had so long represented in the legislative assembly of the province, as well as a great many of his colleagues from that body of whom he had for so long been so worthy a member.

The funeral cortege left his late home (one of the finest farms on the northern part of Salt Spring Island) about 10 o'clock, being followed by a long procession of carriages. At the Church of the Assumption a halt was made, when Premier Dunsinuir and his party from the legislature and Victoria joined the sad column, marching in couples behind the bier. Amongst them were noticed the Hon. the Premier, with Attorney-General Eberts, Acting Speaker Mr. H. J. Macdonald, Mr. Thornton Felt, the clerk of the assembly, and of the other private members of the House, Messrs. Joseph Hunter, Price Ellison, A. W. Smith, Richard McBride, C. H. Dickie, Denis Murphy, E. C. Smith, W. H. Hayward, Robert Green, R. J. F. Macdonald, Mouncey, John Oliver, S. A. Rogers, James Stubbins, H. Dallas Helmecken and Richard Hall. The city of Victoria was well represented by His Worship Mayor Hayward and Ald. Kinsman, McCandless and Yates, together with Wallace Langley, Capt. Chas. Hackett and Messrs. Patrick Hickey, J. W. Church, Michael Young, W. H. Smith and several others. From North Saanich, from Cowichan and from Nanaimo a number of old friends of the deceased gentleman were also noticed.

The pall-bearers were selected from the members of the assembly, and consisted of Messrs. Joseph Hunter, of Victoria; Price Ellison, of Vernon; A. W. Smith, of Lillooet; Richard McBride, of New Westminster; Frederick J. Fulton, of Kamloops, and Robert Green, of Kaslo.

The general esteem and regard which the late speaker enjoyed at the hands, not only of his own neighbors and constituents, but also throughout the province wherever he was known, will be heightened when it is remembered that he was a self-educated man. Having been denied the advantages of school days in his boyhood, so soon as he was old enough to appreciate that loss he set about it repairing it with the result that his subsequent reading was so advanced and profound that he quite escaped the almost inseparable fate of the self-taught man, namely the characteristic of appearing to know it all in a dogmatic sort of way.

His position, too, as pioneer, is worth more than a passing notice, as he went out in the wilderness to help himself to a home in the days when but little of that sort of thing was done. How successful he was in this respect will readily appear from the fact that a clearing of 200 acres of beautiful farm land was the reward of his life's toil.

Sale of Dogs.—Poundkeeper F. Curran has a notice up at the city hall, calling attention to the sale of dogs that he proposes to hold on Monday next at noon. This time some 35 canines are listed for the auction, amongst them being a splendid Gordon setter, as well as some terriers—Irish as well as foxes—some water spaniels and collies. Those who are called to several good hunting dogs in the collection.

Band Concert.—There was a large crowd at the drill hall Saturday night, the attraction being the basketball match. The 5th Regiment band played a number of fine selections. The programme included Mackie's march, "The Exposition," Kammon's "Dance of the White Rats," Godfrey's fantasia, "Reminiscences of England," selections from "A Milk White Flag," the "Croole Belles," Cuk Walk, and the "Fahrbach's waltz," "Visions of Beautiful Women."

Meeting Postponed.—The British Empire league will not hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening on account of the by-election campaign.

For Alaska.—Steamer Cottage City sailed yesterday for Skagway, via Sitka and Alaska routes. Among her passengers from Victoria are G. and A. F. Townsley, W. P. Dawson, Geo. Sutherland and D. Rose.

Timely Topics

Our unhappy contemporary across the way, the Times, was in a regrettable quiescent mood on Saturday night. Finding that its powers of reasonable argument were insufficient to express all the bitterness of its soul, it took refuge in Billingsgate. It fills up some column and a half of paper with virulent abuse of the government and Colonel Prior, calling the latter gentleman, among other pet names, a "political humbug and charlatan."

What strikes us as amusingly impudent and inconsistent in last Saturday's funny tirade is the calm assurance of the Times that all the virtue and integrity in the province got together in the formation of the great law firm of McBride, Bodwell, McPhillips, Helmecken & Co. It reminds us, with shocking suddenness, how full of change is this mortal life. It seems as but yesterday that the Times could see no good in Mr. Helmecken. Worse, it hinted that "our Harry's" genial smile and cheery manners were but a mask which covered designs most villainous and dangerous to the welfare of the province. Harry was unfaithful, he was shallow, he was deep, he was corrupt, he was a self-seeker, he was a fool.

Oh, poor Harry used to get in the neck from the Times office in those old days which are not yet so very old. And poor Mr. McPhillips! The Times insinuated that his polished and scholarly speeches on the floor of the House were nothing but a cunningly intricate mass of verbiage in the incomprehensibility which Mr. McPhillips strove to disguise plans most hideously subversive of the common weal. He was untrustworthy, he was a neophyte in politics, he was little better than a fool, he was ready and anxious at all times to sell his party, his country or himself, with easy impartiality.

Now the Times says that all the virtue left in the province centres in these two gentlemen, and the rest of the eminent law firm above referred to. It is a sudden and swift change of front on the part of our aerobically contemporary, and no one cannot help feeling that there must be a grand little movement when Messrs. McPhillips and Helmecken recall what the Times said of them a few months ago, and compare it with what it says of them now. And not improbably they wonder which of the utterances of the Times they can put faith in. Well, so do we.

The Times snarls angrily because "An effort is being made to create the impression that there is a lack of harmony between Mr. Bodwell, Mr. Smith, Mr. McBride and the other members of the Opposition." The "lack of harmony" was there before the contest was started, and it is there to stay. It is with a keen appreciation of this fact that the electors of Victoria are going to vote for Colonel Prior and a stable government. They are tired of people who have each their separate axe to grind, and who all want to use their grindstone first.

There is a game called ping pong. It is very fashionable now in polite society. It is played with a racket, a ball and a net. It is a very fascinating game, they say, but the strain of watching the ball flying from one side of the net to the other makes people dizzy, strains their eyes, and gives them bad headaches. Following the arguments of the Times and watching the change from one side of the political net to the other, has about a similar effect on the bewildered observer of our contemporary's antics.

The Times says, "Is cowardice to be added to the long list of Joseph Martin's political sins?" We don't know, but we do distinctly remember a column article in the Times some six weeks ago in which that weathercock journal proved to its own satisfaction that Joseph Martin had no sins at all. Why this thinness?

The Times, bewildered and terrified at the near approach of inevitable defeat, has evidently borrowed a maxim from the fraternity of legal gentlemen whose cause it is supporting. "No case, abuse the plaintiff's counsel."

CITY POLICE COURT.

Further Efforts to Clear the City of an Undesirable Element.

The efforts of the police force to clear out some of the plague spots of the city were apparent in the police court this morning, when Nesme Chocolate stood up in answer to the charge of vagrancy. This man is one of those interested in what is said to be a cigar store on Herald street, and a strenuous effort was made to show that his interests there were sufficient to amount to "visible means of support." Numerous witnesses were called to show that he belonged to the objectionable class down there, whose ranks have been so much thinned out of late, but the court could find time had been expended on the hearing of the matter, an adjournment was made until Wednesday.

Thomas Williams, also charged with vagrancy, did not respond when his name was called in court, so a warrant was ordered to be taken for his arrest should he be found in the city.

James Emerson, another vag, had been arrested on Saturday night for begging, and was given until to-morrow to get out of the city.

Ma Gin (Ging), who had been brought up for eating chickens, was released, no evidence being produced against him.

Tom Hin, another Chinese boy, was charged with stealing fittings from an empty store and, being convicted, was given one month in jail.

Personals

Sergeant-Arms O'Hara, of the Legislature, returned last evening from a short visit to Seattle.

Mr. Frederick Nelson, the popular host of the Quamichan Hotel at Duncan, is a guest at the Hotel Vancouver.

Thomas Alton, L. C. Anderson and J. C. Seymour, all of Vancouver, arrived down last evening and are staying at the Vancouver.

Thomas Dunn and Norman McLeod come down from last night's ferry and are registered at the Grand hotel.

A. Fullerton, John Boyd, Dan Stuart, J. E. Fagan and Guy MacGowan are a party of Vancouverites who are all guests at the Hotel Vancouver.

R. Jardine and Arthur Mallin, both of New Westminster, are registered at the New England, also J. R. Giffen, F. West and William Bradley, all of Vancouver.

FIRE AT CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 2.—The foundry of the Gaultier Brass Manufacturing Company was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$250,000.

WILL TAKE HIM DRIVING.

Toledo, Ohio, March 2.—George H. Ketchum, owner and driver of Cresswell, has invited Prince Henry to take a drive here next Wednesday morning. The prince is known to be very fond of horses.

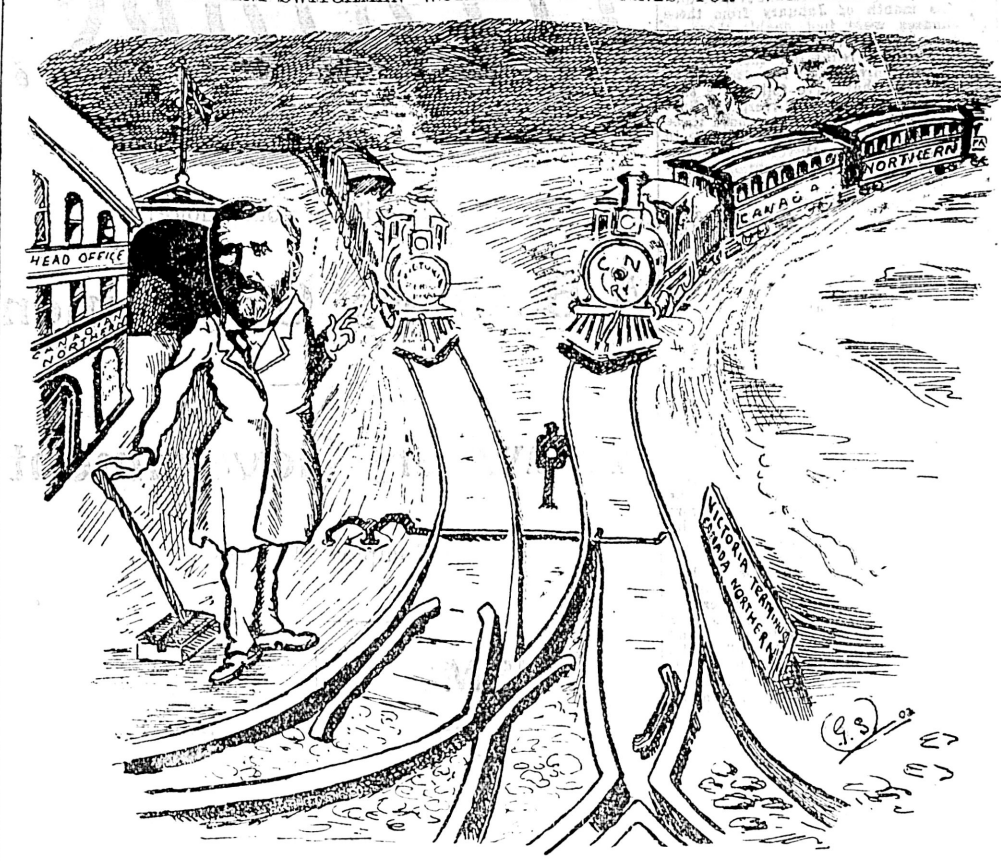
PRINCE HENRY AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., March 2.—Prince Henry morning, his train being several minutes behind time.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF SUGAR.

New York, March 2.—All grades of refined sugar were reduced five points this morning.

THE GOVERNMENT SWITCHMAN WORKING THE POINTS FOR VICTORIA'S SUCCESS.



Copy of telegram to Hon. W. C. Wells from J. N. Greenshields, K. C.: "Leaving at once for Victoria with rail way contract signed." The Colonist is authorized to state that the head offices of the Canadian Northern system will be in Victoria, making Victoria the terminus of a transcontinental system.

MEETINGS

IN THE INTEREST OF

HON. E. G. PRIOR

MINISTER OF MINES and the GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE

Tuesday Evening, 8 o'clock, Spring Ridge, at Young Men's Athletic Association Hall.

Wednesday Evening, at 8 o'clock, at Creamer's Hall, Ross Bay.

Thursday Evening, at 8 o'clock, Semple's Hall, Victoria West.

Friday Evening, at 8 o'clock, Old School House, King's Road.

Saturday Evg., at 8 o'clock, Grand Final Rally, Victoria Theatre.

Meetings each evening in the Committee Hall, opposite Colonist office, Broad St.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

THEATRICAL

March 4.—Jessie MacLachlan, Scottish Prima Donna.

Mar. 5.—Dan Sully in "The Parish Priest."

Mar. 7.—The Christian.

Mar. 10.—The Sign of the Cross.

Mar. 11.—The Bride of Jennico.

Mar. 17.—Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.

Mar. 25.—Rose Coghlan in "Forget Me Not."

Mar. 28.—Chas. B. Hanford and Helen Grantley in "The Taming of the Shrew."

April 1.—Blanche Walsh in "Madeleine."

April 3.—Arizona.

On Wednesday evening theatre patrons will witness a presentation of Daniel Sully's "The Parish Priest." There is a mysterious something in this play which appeals to all theatre-goers. The story is simple but interesting, depicting as it does, the doings of an evening on the road of life. The characters are novel and natural. Some are eloquent in their simplicity, and no attempt is made to awaken applause either in the lines or the situation. Yet the applause comes, for the strength of the scenes sway the audience. The play and the clear atmosphere of the play and the quiet humor always appeals to a large class of theatre-goers.

Those who saw the "Christian" when here last year, and they are numbered only by the limit of the theatre, will be glad to again welcome W. S. Hart and his troupe, who come to the Victoria to-morrow evening. "The Christian" is one of the most successful plays on tour, and the forthcoming production, it is stated, will be made with the original scenery and stage effects exactly as seen in New York. Lillian Vane as Glory Quayle and Mr. Hart as John Storm, are the leading people and the company, as announced, is composed of fifty people.

PASSENGER LIST.

The following is the passenger list of the steamer Rosalie from Sound ports yesterday:

H. Edwards and wife, J. E. McLean, W. Mead, and wife, Mr. E. E. Blackwood, A. Gray, M. Ingram, J. Dalton, A. Bullas and wife, Mr. E. Saunders, F. Shome and wife, R. Wreide, Mr. Bodum, Mrs. Smith, J. W. Blackburn and wife, J. M. Ferrie, J. Green, J. Shildron, J. B. Mitchell, Mrs. Coltham, Mrs. James, R. French, Mrs. Perry, J. B. Batent, J. Frederick, J. W. McChase, George Barr, Captain Galtier.

CONSIGNEES.

Consignees per steamer Rosalie from the Sound:

Lenz & Lelzer, Henry Young & Co., R. W. Clark & Co., J. Barnsley & Co., E. G. Prior & Co., Robert Parker & Co., M. W. Watt & Co., Victoria Machinery Depot, Hinton Electric Co., George Evertson, S. Lelzer & Co., W. H. Malkin & Co., W. G. Dickinson, Colonel J. & P. Co., C. S. Baxter, Hopkins & Co., George Carter.

The World Of Sport

Victoria Athletic Club Defeats the J.B.A.A. In Basketball Match.

Result of the Association Football Matches Played Yesterday Afternoon.

The basketball match at the Drill hall between the Victoria Athletic club and the J. B. A. A. last night, resulted in a victory for the boys in the red and white of the V. A. C., who scored 16 points against eight made by the Bays. There was a large crowd in attendance, and the interest was keen, although the match was not as fast as that of the previous Saturday. It was more evenly contested, and this made up in a measure for what the play lacked in speed. The most of the scoring was done in the second half. In the first half the V. A. C. scored one goal from the field, giving them three points, and a free kick, which was headed in the basket, making their score four, while the Bays scored two points from free shots.

INTER-REGIMENTAL MATCH. Civilian Soldiers of Victoria and Vancouver to Play Basketball.

The basketball team of the Sixth regiment, Vancouver, will meet the regimental team of Victoria at the Drill hall, March 15. The Vancouver team is a splendid player of this fascinating game, having won a number of victories this season from first class teams, and the Victoria team will comprise some of the best locals. So a great game can be looked for. All player members of the regiment are requested to meet at the Drill hall, Monday evening.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Columbias had an easy victory over the Fernwoods in the Senior Association football match at the Caledonia grounds yesterday afternoon. The Columbias scored 7 goals to 1 in their favor. Jones, the Fernwood goal-keeper, was very much off-color, apparently missing Goward and Schwengers, his usual full backs. J. Hunter scored the first goal, and then J. Lawson beat Jones three times, each shot being sent in from the right wing. The Fernwoods did their best to hold their opponents, but the Columbias forwards would not be denied, and C. Berkeley added another goal, making the score 5-0 in favor of the Columbias. J. Noot, who was playing a star game for the Fernwoods, scored their only goal. C. Wilson and C. Berkeley then beat Jones, and the game ended with the score 7 to 1 in favor of the Columbias. A Richardson unfortunately had a tooth knocked out shortly after the beginning of the second half, and had to retire. F. Richardson gave every satisfaction as referee.

INTERMEDIATES.

In a very keenly contested game, the Exeter Association football team defeated the Intermediate Columbias with a score of 3 goals to 2, at the Cauten grounds yesterday afternoon. The weather being fine, the ground was in good condition, and consequently the play was fast, all through the game. The sailors had the advantage in weight, and their passing, especially the forward left wing, was excellent. Yonens securing JUNIOR MATCHES.

South Park school defeated the Boys' Brigade with a score of two goals to nil, in the Junior League Association football match at Beacon Hill Saturday afternoon. The game was keenly contested, but the South Park forwards proved too much for their opponents. Irwin and Douglas scored the goals.

HOCKEY.

Victoria Defeated the Garrison at Oak Bay Yesterday.

At Oak Bay park Saturday afternoon, the Victoria hockey team defeated the Garrison team by a score of 5 to 1. The game was not so one-sided as the score indicates, for the Garrison seemed to have the better of it for the first 15 minutes. About this time the local team began to wake up, and with a good fast combination, they forced the ball into the striking circle, and Dave Rogers took advantage of the situation, and with a splendid shot sent the sphere through.

VICTORIA ATHLETIC CLUB.

Aims to Promote Sport in Every Form in This City.

The cardinal and white of the V. A. C. is rapidly becoming recognized amongst Victorians as the colors of a club which will bear watching. The games which the club members have played before the public this winter have shown that on its roll there are some of the foremost athletes of the city. It will be of interest, therefore, to readers of the Colonist if some attempt be made to explain the organization.

During September of last year a few who were interested in outdoor and indoor sports, felt that there was room for two athletic associations in this city, and therefore resolved to take over the gymnasium that was then held by Professor Foster in the Philharmonic hall on Fort street, and make of it a centre from whence all forms of athletic exercises might radiate. They found very fair plant to commence on, and the old trainer only too ready to fall in with their object, retaining him to act as custodian and general aid. A constitution, based on the lines of the very best clubs, was drawn up, and officers elected. Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, French his ever ready kindness, consented to become honorary president. E. G. Prior, Esq., is the vice-president. The Executive committee, as it at present stands, consists of the following gentlemen, all well known in the athletic world: Chairman, Mr. G. Slade; Messrs. Frank Hargreaves, Harry Morgan, Captain Wallace Langley, and the Rev. W. W. Bolton; treasurer, R. H. Pooley, Esq. The secretary is Mr. Walter Lorimer, whose name assures all that there will be good sport, hard and fast, connected with the club. A special feature of the V. A. C. is its junior members branch. It is felt that whilst the Pemberton gymnasium gives a chance to a goodly number of the rising lads to develop muscle and grit, yet there are a great number of lads under the age of 16 who cannot avail themselves of this chance. In the V. A. C. rooms there is an opportunity given to all lads. Dumb-bells, Indian clubs, horizontal bar, parallel bars, machines of various kinds, rings, boxing gloves, and punching bags offer endless delight to the boys who so far have joined. The fee is purposely small, being only \$2.50 a year. The rooms have a shower bath and dressing room attached. The gymnasium is open morning and afternoon for the lads, and Saturday morning could not be better spent than in the training of the body.

In addition to the gymnasium proper, the floor is amply large enough for an excellent game of basketball, whilst under the same roof there is a room where members can meet for an evening at whist or ping-pong. There are strict regulations against all liquors, gambling, and professionalism, and every care is being taken to keep the tone of the place so that any man will feel at home there, and yet no parent have cause to hesitate to send his lad to the many advantages offered.

There is no doubt that this coming season of outdoor sports will see the V. A. C. represented in every branch. Each class of game has its chairman and special committee to look after its interests.

The V. A. C. is not ignorant of the value of gymnasium work for girls, and stands ready to offer the use of its rooms and appliances at a nominal figure to any one who will organize a class for the fair sex of this city.

The executive hope to see a large increase in membership, the near future. Especially would they welcome the young boys, for whom a cordial reception is assured.

The cost for those over 16 years of age is monthly dues of \$1.00 (one dollar) country members, \$5 a year.

With the J. B. A. A., the Fernwoods, the Victorias, and other athletic clubs in this city, it would seem that few things better for the best interest of all could be done than for them to combine in some form and secure for the use of each under the regulations the Caledonia grounds in perpetuity. Then the place would be carefully looked after, and the grounds in shape, which too often is now not the case, through nobody's fault, for what is common ground is special body cares to tend and foster.

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PING PONG.

Tournament at the J. B. A. A. Club Commences on Monday.

The James Bay Athletic association ping-pong tournament (club handicap) request that the games of the first round be run off as early as possible, so that the semi-finals and finals may not be unduly delayed. This event will probably be immediately followed by an open city tournament. The following are the players, their handicaps, and the order in which the first series will be played: P. Austin, scratch; J. H. Hensworth, scratch; A. McLean, oves 30, plays P. Thomas, rec. 15; A. Ker, rec. 15, plays E. H. Russell, oves 15; N. Hardie, oves 15, plays P. G. Fowkes, scratch; M. J. Laidlaw, scratch; plays A. J. Dallin, scratch; J. O. Bridgman, rec. 15, plays J. S. Jost, scratch; L. B. Timmen, oves 15, plays W. York, scratch; H. Lawson, scratch; plays F. J. Patton, rec. 15; D. Leeming, oves 15, plays N. B. Grey, oves 15; J. H. Lawson, oves 15, scratch; plays R. T. Patton, rec. 15; J. Hunter, oves 15, plays A. Riddle, scratch; T. P. Patton, oves 30, plays R. Fell, scratch; Garret Smith, rec. 15, plays S. Bone, scratch; E. R. Vigor, scratch; plays C. G. Hitt, scratch; B. S. Schwenger, oves 15, plays W. Buechardt, scratch; J. Leeming, oves 30, plays G. Simpson, scratch; J. Hart, oves 15, plays R. Hayward, scratch; C. F. Davie, oves 15, plays P. White, scratch; W. C. Moresby, scratch; plays J. A. McTavish, scratch; W. J. M. Lawson, oves 15; W. J. Williams, scratch; J. H. Austin, scratch; N. Gowen, oves 15; G. Brown, scratch; C. Bunting, scratch; K. P. Wollaston, scratch; J. P. Hadden, scratch; T. R. Cusack, scratch; H. Gartley, scratch; W. S. Nason, scratch.

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PING PONG.

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The James Bay Athletic association ping-pong tournament (club handicap) request that the games of the first round be run off as early as possible, so that the semi-finals and finals may not be unduly delayed. This event will probably be immediately followed by an open city tournament. The following are the players, their handicaps, and the order in which the first series will be played: P. Austin, scratch; J. H. Hensworth, scratch; A. McLean, oves 30, plays P. Thomas, rec. 15; A. Ker, rec. 15, plays E. H. Russell, oves 15; N. Hardie, oves 15, plays P. G. Fowkes, scratch; M. J. Laidlaw, scratch; plays A. J. Dallin, scratch; J. O. Bridgman, rec. 15, plays J. S. Jost, scratch; L. B. Timmen, oves 15, plays W. York, scratch; H. Lawson, scratch; plays F. J. Patton, rec. 15; D. Leeming, oves 15, plays N. B. Grey, oves 15; J. H. Lawson, oves 15, scratch; plays R. T. Patton, rec. 15; J. Hunter, oves 15, plays A. Riddle, scratch; T. P. Patton, oves 30, plays R. Fell, scratch; Garret Smith, rec. 15, plays S. Bone, scratch; E. R. Vigor, scratch; plays C. G. Hitt, scratch; B. S. Schwenger, oves 15, plays W. Buechardt, scratch; J. Leeming, oves 30, plays G. Simpson, scratch; J. Hart, oves 15, plays R. Hayward, scratch; C. F. Davie, oves 15, plays P. White, scratch; W. C. Moresby, scratch; plays J. A. McTavish, scratch; W. J. M. Lawson, oves 15; W. J. Williams, scratch; J. H. Austin, scratch; N. Gowen, oves 15; G. Brown, scratch; C. Bunting, scratch; K. P. Wollaston, scratch; J. P. Hadden, scratch; T. R. Cusack, scratch; H. Gartley, scratch; W. S. Nason, scratch.

SPORT NOTES.

The Victoria Intermediate Rugby fifteen will play the High school next Saturday at Oak Bay.

Very little was done at the meeting held in Drake, Jackson & Helmcken's office yesterday afternoon for the purpose of forming an intermediate basketball league amongst the city teams. The V. A. C. will meet the league, but the J. B. A. A., Boys' Brigade, Victoria West and Fernwoods will be in line. The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

It is the fifth regiment basketball team, not No. 1 Company's team, which will play the Sixth regiment of Vancouver, at the Drill hall on the 15th.

The Vancouver V. M. C. A. and Fernwood basketball teams will play for the championship of British Columbia in Victoria on the evening of the 13th inst.

The Boys' Brigade and Fernwood Junior basketball teams will meet in the Fernwood hall on Monday evening.

The new athletic association, which was recently organized, has been named the Hillside Athletic association.

The two new instructors built by Mr. G. Askey for the J. B. A. A., will be given a trial this morning.

The J. B. A. A. will hold chess meetings every Monday, when Mr. T. H. Piper will attend and instruct anyone who is desirous of learning this fascinating game. The idea is to seriously cultivate chess.

Interest is increasing in the J. B. A. A. handball tournament, and the games are being very keenly contested. The results so far are as follows: J. Jost beat D. O'Sullivan, 21-20; 20-21; 21-20; F. Dresser beat J. M. Lawson, 21-13; 21-9; C. E. Davie beat W. C. Moresby, 21-12; 21-9; R. C. Pettigall beat F. Austin, 21-0, 21-0.

The next senior City League Association football match will be between the Columbias and the Garrison, at the Caledonia grounds on Saturday. On the last occasion the soldiers were victorious with a score of three goals to two.

The V. A. C. are trying to arrange two basketball games with Portland for Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Vancouver Rugby football players will fight their battles over again at a dinner to be held on March 5.

The Shamrock Lacrosse Club of Montreal has accepted the challenge from the New Westminster team, the match to be played on June 28, July 1 and 3, and if necessary, on July 5.

Chicago, March 2.—The magnates of the American Baseball association met here yesterday and adopted a schedule for the season. Aside from the adoption of the schedule, the most important matter, it is reported, is the playing rules. After thorough discussion, the association adopted with change, a rule which the American League played last year. The change was taken after a long conference between Chairman Watkins and President Johnston of the American League.

Chicago, March 1.—George McFadden of New York was decisively beaten by Gus Gardner of Philadelphia in a six round contest here last evening. In the third round McFadden was knocked down twice, being on the floor the second time for a count of eight seconds. He was nearly knocked out when the round closed. He was knocked by his knees in the fifth. The fight was Gardner's all the way, and the crowd was greatly disappointed at the showing made by McFadden.

"What's the matter with that neighbor of yours? He's right around like a crazy dog, snarling like slaughter the whole family."

"Oh, his children annoy him so that he can't keep his mind on the universal peace pamphlet he's working at."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

